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The death of the King of England has disrupted the schedule for the various international conferences, and we are uncertain as to when the Foreign Ministers' meeting in London and the NATO Conference in Lisbon will now take place.

The United Nations General Assembly is over, and the delegates are dispersing. Phil Jessup came up to say goodbye -- Lois and he are going home by freighter.

The "Académie Diplomatique Internationale" had a lunch today, but I could not get to it.

I have been seeing Bill Pawley and members of our own staff off and on today about the various negotiations to speed up the flow of American military orders to France, problems relating to infrastructure, etc.

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Lestrade Brown of the American Export Lines came to call with one of his associates, and we had a talk about his business. Their ships in the Mediterranean have become [redacted] popular for passenger service to the United States.

To-night, we had dinner with the Norwegian Ambassador; the only other people there were General and Mrs. Eisenhower. We all took a glass of port with the Ambassador's mother who is 92 years old, and then had a dinner where the ingredients in each dish were of Norwegian origin. In fact, the only French note about it was the red Bordeaux and champagne. The smoked salmon seemed to me better than any I have tasted while in Paris. Mr. Andvord is a [redacted] nice fellow and an intelligent one.

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